MR. CHAIRMAN: I agree. (*Interruptions*).

DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: There is need for a separate discussion on this. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI T.R. BAALU: It is the right of the Minister. He should be allowed to give his reply. (*Interruptions*).

DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Sir, please allow a Half-an-hour Discussion on this. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: He is misleading the House. Please, don't allow him...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI MD. SALIM: Look at the Minister. (*Interruptions*) It has been brought to your notice...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: He is misusing the time of the House. (*Interruptions*). We are not going to listen him. (*Interruptions*) We will never listen to him. (*Interruptions*) He is giving a frivolous reply. (*Interruptions*) He is giving wrong information to the House. (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Funds for Beautification of Railways in Ghaziabad

†*123. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated by Government for development and beautification of Railways in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that highly sub-standard material is being used in construction works;

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†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether a number of social and political organisations have written to Government demanding an enquiry in this case; and

(d) whether Government propose to conduct investigation in the matter and take action against the erring persons; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) In the last three years (1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99), the following developmental and beautification works have been executed at Ghaziabad station:—

(i) Remodelling of Ghaziabad Yard including construction of new platform, construction/widening of Foot over bridges, extension to existing platforms, construction of washable apron etc. at a cost of Rs. 5.96 crores.

(ii) Development of Ghaziabad Railway Station circulating are a by providing dividers for separation between Rickshaw lane, 3 wheelers lane, car parking and pedestrians at a cost of Rs. 25 lakhs.

(iii) Renovation of booking office and 2nd class waiting hall at a cost of Rs. 7.50 lakh.

In addition routine maintenance works in the station and staff colony were also executed.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) No complaint regarding use of sub-standard material and demand for enquiry has been received in Divisional Railways Manager's Office, of Delhi Division, Northern Railway Headquarters and Ministry of Railways. Therefore, no investigation is being conducted in this case.